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Promotions.
 Captain M. Vieho, to be Ensign.
 DAVID M. REES,
 Commissioner.

WAR CRY

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THE GENERAL.

Elsewhere we give some particulars concerning the health of our dear General—that is to say, the matter of his eyesight. We wish that the news were more reassuring, but he is in the hands of God, who is too wise to err, and too good to be in the hands of a watchman. His health is what is best, however, and it is quite in harmony with God's sovereignty will that we should lift up our hearts in believing prayer for the Lord in His mercy to restore sight to our General. Let us all do so, and may God honour our faith.

The last British War Cry we have received deals with the Royal Albert Hotel celebration of The General's 83rd birthday. It was evidently a most enthusiastic scene, and ten thousand persons assembled to do our veteran leader honour. Commissioner Higgins, in his address gave utterance to a sentiment which appeals to all of us. Said he: "Your soldiers look upon you as a great General, because during all those long years you have never swerved from the great purpose of your life—because you have stood true to the penitential form."

May we all follow our dear Leader's example in this respect, and be true to the principles for which The Army Penitential Form stands for—penitence for sin, open confession of Christ, and the leading of men back to God. So far as the latter is concerned, we should very much welcome increased activity in Canada—especially in the case of personal dealings amongst workaday companions. Is brother's keeper? is a question that we might ask ourselves with profit to the Kingdom and advantage to our personal life. Let us all pray for The General and follow him, even as he follows Christ.

THE EDITOR AT PETERSBURG.

The Editor and War Cry Artist recently visited Petersburg, and a very blessed week-end was experienced. The Editor's talks and lectures, and the Artist's lightning sketches were greatly enjoyed, and the city was enriched by the well-merited tributes to the efficiency of the Band, the Songsters and the Male Voice Choir. The War Cry is also in a special condition under the pen of the Editor and Artist, and we are doing a good work at Petersburg.

Commissioner Railton's Tour.

HUSTLING CAMPAIGNS AT BELLEVILLE AND PICTON.

THE following report is from the Belleville Daily Intelligencer: "Commissioner Railton has just completed three days' special revival services in this city. From what we can gather they have been red-letter days, many souls having been helped to a closer walk with God. The Commissioner arrived by the 11.05 a.m. train on Friday, and at 1 p.m. conducted the funeral service of the late Mrs. Smith who died very suddenly at the House of Refuge. The afternoon he spent visiting from house to house and praying with the people. At 7.30 he conducted an open-air meeting, and one inside at 8 p.m. Although it was a holiday a large crowd attended. The Commissioner conducted the service all through and took his Bible reading, Ezekiel xxxiii. 'I have set them a watchman.' His talk was most helpful, and at the close souls sought the Saviour. Saturday morning was spent by the Commissioner selling 'War Cry' at the market. In the evening he conducted the open-air service. A large crowd attended, and at 8 p.m. inside, when another most impressive service was conducted by him and again souls came out for salvation."

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SPEND BUSY DAYS AT MONTREAL AND OTTAWA, AND INTRODUCE COLONEL AND MRS. CUTHBERT TO THE PEOPLE OF BOTH CITIES.

THE visit of Col. and Mrs. Mapp, the Chief Secretary and Women's Social Secretary respectively, of T.H.Q., and Colonel and Mrs. Cuthbert, of International Headquarters, London, Eng., made May 21st, a day of exceptional profit and inspiration to the Salvationists of the Metropolis. Our local institutions were visited. Candidates and Officers interviewed, and several matters of importance relative to our work in this city were attended to by the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Mapp.

The Colonel conducted an Officers' meeting and tea in the forenoon, and a public musical meeting in the No. 1 Citadel at night. In the former gathering the distinguished Officers from I. H. Q. were made by Staff-Captain Wall and Adjutant Gabor. Following which both Colonel and Mrs. Cuthbert spoke with much interest to the Officers assembled. A splendid musical programme by the named Bands of the city was rendered at night, which was heartily enjoyed by the large crowd who had assembled to greet the Chief Secretary. The Colonel and Mrs. Cuthbert, before all the day the latter

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Adjutant Sheard and Mrs. Mapp, in voiced their deep appreciation of the work and service of the British Army, which sails May 31st.

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THE COMMISSIONER IN THE WEST.

CONDUCTS YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY AT WINNIPEG WITH SPLENDID SUCCESS.

(By wire.)

THE Commissioner's first Young People's Day in the West was held in Winnipeg on May 23, and we are glad to be able to report that those present made a great impression on the Commissioner. In spite of the hot wave which visited us, their listening and eagerness to drink in every word uttered was an inspiration to our Leader. In fact, he gave vent to the statement that he had never before had better attention and interest at any Young People's Day he had been privileged to conduct.

From the first song in the morning until we united in our last song and benediction we felt indeed it was a heaven-on-earth time. The Commissioner in no way spared himself, but as his usual custom, laid himself out wholeheartedly to feed with the finest spiritual life and experiences of our young people. Particularly in this Western country the temptations and dangers which beset our young people are legion, and we are confident that the day of success that we had could not but be a mighty barrier shielding the young people from many snares in days to come and fitting them for the great battle of life upon which they are practising.

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At the close of the Commissioner's address on Sunday night, 23 young men and women arose and volunteered to the Mercy-Seat, and as we watched them come our minds travelled ahead, and by faith we saw them come forth to conquer, and in their turn bring thousands into the same life.

The Commissioner was assisted by Colonel and Mrs. Gaskin, Maj. and Mrs. Findlay, Major McLean, the Divisional Commander, and a number of Staff and Field Officers.

On behalf of our beloved Army in the West we desire to thank our Leader for the trouble and time he took to make this day possible, and we are confident that the fruit of the same in days to come will be of that character which shall glorify our God and bring glory to our God.

Previous to the Young People's Sunday the Commissioner held a Soldiers', ex-Soldiers', and Friends' meeting in the Winnipeg No. 1 Hall on Saturday night. Our Winnipeg comrades are always delighted to have the opportunity of listening to the Commissioner. This occasion was no exception. A goodly number gathered together, and at the close we rejoiced over victories won at the Mercy-Seat.—Hugh Findlay, Maj.

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THE GENERAL'S Eyesight.

An Operation Has Been Performed.

COMRADES, ALL, PRAY FOR HIM.

The following paragraph is taken from the latest British Cry to hand:
 "The General, after much consideration and prayer, has decided to undergo the long-talked-about operation for the removal of cataract on Thursday, the 23rd inst. He takes this step not only upon the recommendation of his medical advisers, but feeling it to be the right thing to do so."

It has been suggested that during Wednesday, the 22nd, the Officers, Soldiers, and friends of The Army should unite in prayer not only that the present operation may be successful, but that the blessing of God may continue to rest upon him, and that his strength may be maintained and his life prolonged to continue the work which God has so evidently raised him up to do.

The operation will take place at the General's home. It is expected that during the first fortnight or three weeks The General will have to remain absolutely quiet, occupying during that time a darkened room, and being as far as possible from all anxiety and work of every kind. This enforced idleness is no small part of the difficulty and trial connected with the operation. But The General has so often shown, in circumstances of stress and strain, how lovable sacrifices for great ends that we have no doubt he will be able to do so in this case.

The operation and subsequent progress of The General was at first indicated by the following press despatch:
 London, May 23.—General Booth, of The Salvation Army, has operated on today for cataract by Charles Higgins, the senior consulting ophthalmic surgeon of Guy's Hospital.

After the operation Dr. Higgins issued the following bulletin:
 "The operation on General Booth was completely successful, and the ultimate restoration of his eyesight depends only on the recuperative powers of The General himself."

Since then, however, the following disquieting bulletin has been published. It will thus be seen that there is great need for prayer on behalf of The General.

London, May 23.—Following the operation for cataract on his eye, to-night's bulletin reports that the condition of the eye is spreading considerably, and jeopardises General Booth's chances of regaining his sight.

FIRST TARGET IN NEW HALL.

Our Ottawa H. correspondent writes that the 31st Regiment almost went itself. The Soldiers worked in the right spirit, some donated their targets and then slung over again.

The altar service on Sunday night was heartily taken up by friends as well as Soldiers. The first target in our new Citadel has been completely smashed. Captains McLeane and McLean are leading it.

A Visit to the Swedish Corps.

In connection with the visit by the Commissioner to Winnipeg for conference with Colonel and Major Findlay of the Western Headquarters, time was found for a meeting with our Swedish Corps in the Zion Church.

Naturally our Swedish comrades felt very elated that they were the chosen people for the Commissioner for a meeting, and expectations were high for the same. The Commissioner found time to have a cup of coffee with our Swedish comrades in their own building previous to the public gathering in the Church, and at both meetings it was evident that the Commissioner was regarded as being one of themselves.

In spite of the very bad night it turned out to be a most successful meeting. The Commissioner was well received, and the result of this gathering, in this part of the world we do not have the Commissioner with us any more often, and therefore his visits are all the more appreciated.—Hugh Findlay, Major.

A LOOK IN AT REGINA.

On Monday, May 21, the Commissioner spent a little time with the Officers, Bandmen, and Soldiers in our Hall. Major McLean opened with prayer, and the song "Glory, Glory, Jesus Saves Me" was sung with much enthusiasm. The Commissioner spoke to us on (Continued from Page 1.)

